I am a long time subscriber to SONIC.NET and have been offered other broadband solutions from time to time from Comcast, our local cable company. I declined to change my service to Comcast because I refuse to move away from SONIC.NET and the SBC DSL service they provide to me. I moved about a year ago and had a VERY hard time getting my DSL service restored to my new home because of SBC and their lack of providing equal access to independent ISP's. Finally with a long battle and many offers by SBC to install the service with no problems, if I switched my provider to SBC; got my DSL line installed with SONIC.NET as my internet provider. It was not easy and took about two weeks longer than it should have. If SBC is making it this difficult to install a single DSL line to my location, I can only imagine how it is like for other people that want another option for our internet provider. I feel if SBC removes access to its "Last Mile" of service for independent providers the people of california will no longer have any choice for better service and be stuck with SBC or COMCAST as the only "land" based broadband solution.